S.No.	State	No. of Lok Adalats Held
7	Maharashtra	335 (Upto 31-12-1986)
8	Orissa	7 (Upto 31-12-1986)
9	Rajasthan	152 (Upto 19-11-1986)
10	Tamil Nadu	1 (Upto 31-12-1986)
11	Uttar Pradesh	77 (Upto 31-12-1986)
12	Delhi	6 (Upto 31-12-1986)
13	Pondicherry	1 (Upto 31-8-1986)

(b) and (c) A proposal to accord statutory basis to Lok Adalats and the Legal Aid Programme is under consideration of Government.

Automobile tyre industry

52. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that automobile tyre industry is presently manipulating exorbitantly high prices of different type of tyres to earn excessive profits; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to intervene to keep the tyre prices spiral in check?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Government have received reports that there has been an increase in the market selling price of automotive tyres though there have been no hike in the declared Net Dealers' Price by the Tyre Manufacturers since May, 1986.

(b) There is no statutory control on the prices/distribution of tyres at present. The Market selling prices of tyres are determined by demand and supply and other market forces. Government have been interacting with the industry in this regard.

Producion of Crude Oil

53. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of crude oil in the country during the year 1986-87 and the target for the year 1987-88;

(b) the estimated production of natural gas during the year 1986-87; and

(c) the details of the new areas where oil exploration work is going on and with what prospects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The total production of crude oil in the country during 1986-87 was 30.46 Million tonnes. The target for 1987-88 is also 30.46 million tonnes.

(b) About 9817 Million cubic meter (Provisional).

(c) New areas are:—

ONSHORE

—Himalayan foothills

—Ganga Valley

—Pranhita-Godavari basins

—Son-Damodar Valley

—Orissa

—Rajasthan and some places in Central and Eastern parts of Maharashtra.

OFFSHORE

—Andaman.

—West Bengal.

The results will be known only after the completion of exploratory drilling and testing of wells.

Insurance of LPG Consumers

54 SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) since when the scheme of insurance of registered LPG consumers is in vogue; and what are the conditions appended thereto;

(b) the year-wise break-up of consumers insured under the scheme (in the entire country) state-wise;

(c) the year-wise break-up of cases in which insurance money has been paid in cases of explosion deaths since the start of this scheme and the total amount paid in each case and the number of cases pending;

(d) the year-wise break-up of cases in which insurance could not be paid in cases of explosion deaths alongwith reasons in each case; and

(e) whether it is a fact that wide publicity has not been given about this scheme resulting in non completion of relevant documents which go against the consumers when accidents take place and if some what remedial measures are contemplated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The Scheme has been in vogue in IOC since 1965, in Burmah Shell/ Bharat Petroleum Corporation since 1963 and since 1981-82 in Hindustan Petroleum Corporation. Under the Scheme, all distributors are required to take "third party risk insurance coverage" against any L.P.C. related accident, upto Rs. 10 Lakhs per accident.

(b) to (d) All L.P.G. distributors in the coutry hold this insurance cover in respect of their consumers. Claims relating to LPG accidents are settled between the consumers, the distributor and the insurance company directly. No records are maintained by the Oil Industry.

(e) While publicity to the risk insurance cover available has earlier not been given by the oil marketing companies, consequences of the kind mentioned in this part of the question have not been brought to Government's notice. The oil industry is now publicising the available arrangement through the media and mention on the consumer's subscription voucher.

Complaints about inferior quality of pin type regulators

55. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints that pin type regulators being supplied to LPG consumers give way early as these are made of inferior quality of plastic;

(b) whether complaints had also been received by Government stating that LPG consumers were asked to pay Rs. 75 as cost of the regulators and when some of them were found damaged dealers refused to take responsibility for the quality and dependability thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to improve the quality and to append a guarantee thereto?